Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Saturday 12 Mar 2022 until 23:59 on Sunday 13 Mar 2022

Forecast Issued on Saturday 12 Mar 2022 at 03:01 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for occasionally unsettled with a southerly flow for much of the period, but gradually lowering confidence for the timing detail of worst conditions.

Headline for Saturday 12 Mar 2022: Showery and rather cloudy, but improving towards late afternoon.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 12 Mar 2022

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow showers	Sunny intervals	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability					
40%	80%	60%	40%	20%	10%

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Weather: Frequent heavy showers, often merging into longer spells of rain, snow above 800-900m, bringing a small risk of thunderstorms. Brighter spells and showers increasingly scattered in the afternoon, largely dying out around dusk. Rain and summit snow spreading north into Knoydart by midnight.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 10% becoming 75% by late afternoon

Low cloud and visibility: Good or very good becoming moderate or poor in rain or showers, very poor in snow and only a few meters within cloud with bases quite widespread above 600m at first, sporadically so by late afternoon.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	8/11 SE	13/16 E	15/20 S	28/36 SW	28/36 S	25/31 S	28/35 E
900	8/11 SE	11/15 E	14/19 S	26/34 SW	26/34 S	23/29 S	25/31 E
600	6/9 SE	7/10 NE	11/16 S	20/28 SW	20/28 S	15/22 S	15/22 E
300	1/5 E	3/11 E	5/15 S	7/25 SW	7/25 S	3/18 S	4/22 E
Glen	4/7 E	4/9 NE	4/10 SW	11/22 SW	10/22 S	7/15 SE	10/23 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	0/-4	-0/-5	0/-5	-0/-8	-1/-8	-1/-8	-1/-9
900	1/-3	1/-4	1/-4	0/-7	0/-7	-0/-7	-1/-8
600	3/0	2/-1	3/-1	2/-3	2/-4	2/-3	2/-4
300	5/4	5/4	5/3	5/2	4/2	4/2	4/2
Glen	7/6	7/6	7/5	7/4	7/4	6/4	6/3
Freezing Level*	900m	1000m	900m	900m	900m	800m	800m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Winds likely to be around 10 mph stronger than in the table during the evening across Knoydart in the south.

Forecast for Sunday 13 Mar 2022
Weather: More challenging than Saturday in gale to severe gale summit winds. Showers, snow level around 800m, merging to longer periods of rain and snow at times, most likely towards the Great Glen and during the morning. Rather cloudy, but some brighter spells also mixed in, particularly later in the day.

Maximum wind: South or southeast mean 35-40mph with gusts around 60mph across most exposed ridges and summits.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 40% becoming 70% late in the day

Low cloud and visibility: Good or very good becoming moderate or poor in rain or showers, very poor in snow and only a few meters within cloud with bases quite widespread above 600m at first, sporadically so by late afternoon.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 3 Celsius increasing 12 Celsius during the afternoon
At 800m: Plus 1-3 Celsius
Freezing level: 900m

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